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Next VCGS meeting Harlan Hutchins, a local historical Author speaks about "The Search for George Alden". **Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 at 6 p.m.** in the auditorium of the City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. [Directions and Map](#) Visitors are always welcome.

Last month at our regular meeting; Author and Lake County Historian Bobby Grenier gave a captivating talk on researching his books "Florida's Forgotten Pioneer: The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes" and



"Woodlea: Life on the Lake of the Dancing Sunbeams." Bobby shared wonderful stories of personal life and family letters and documents from pre civil war Florida pioneer, First Worshipful Master Mason military hero and family man: Melton Haynes with archival antique photos and artwork and projector slide show. Bobby made us feel like we were back in the window and screen less cabin of Woodlea, seeding the first sweet citrus to be planted by settlers in Florida. Bobby shared several of his own experiences doing research for his books, highlighting that we as researchers should try to "Prove History Wrong" rather than "Right" that we might uncover more information. As a Lake County politician he encourages his peers to represent the "History of the People" they serve in the office they hold. Bobby donated copies of both his books to the History Gen Room at City Island.

Second Notice for VCGS 2010 Officers

NO ONE has responded to the request from the membership in last months VCGS NL or from the floor at Sept. Meeting for 2010 Election Committee. "Tis a pity" as my Great Grandmother used to write in her 1890 letters. Our Society has many members, able to participate in the process of the Society. Please step up, if you are able and willing please contact John Woodard at 760-2603 before Oct 15.

VCGS Society Calendar

Thursday Oct 15, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; Author Harlan Hutchins speaks about "The Search for George Alden".

Thursday Nov 19, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; 2010 Elections and Members Round Table Discussion

Thursday Dec 17, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Christmas Social



Oct 12—Columbus Day

Oct 27—Navy Day

Fly your Flag !

VCGS Book Committee Meeting

Wed. Oct 7, 1pm City Island Gen Room

All Members welcome or send book suggestion to

vcgs@cfl.rr.com

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Next Meeting Oct 8, 1:30pm

Ann Mohr Osisek - "Local Logic - Using Local and County Histories"

R&B DeLand Library, Oct 18, 2pm J.C. Johnston - His Family History Book.

GSSVC NSB Library, Oct 12, 5pm Ann Mohr Osisek - "Dead Men (and Women) Do Tell Tales", Effective Cemetery Research

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - Oct 22, 5:30pm Roundtable discussion for Newbies.

VCGS as of Oct 2009**Membership**

62 Regular Paid Members
and 1 Honorary Member
and 1 Lifetime member.

Treasurer Report \$1,1395.06

Welcome New Member

Eileen Taft

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Surnames: Hecht, Tucker , Willis , Kendall , Mauldin ,
Young , Conger Catalano, Leiner

Places: Poland , German, Italy, Ohio , NY & GA.

Welcome Back Retuning Members

Phil Klema

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Surnames: Klema , Morgan, Tacke and Devoarke-

Places: Iowa , Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri , Illinois

Jewel M Hilton

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Surnames: Hilton , Charles , Fuller

Places: KY and VA.

Volusia County Genealogical Society, Inc Founded 1976, is the oldest Genealogy Society in Volusia County. Meeting City Island Library Daytona Beach, 3rd. Thursday monthly at 6pm. Sept—June

Mission: Encourage Society Members and the community to find their ancestors and connect with the past. Provide enlightening speakers at the monthly meetings on relative topics to aid, assist and better our research. Promote the use of and growth of our genealogy research room, develop our resources and grow the collection in the Genealogy and History Room at City Island Library .

WHEN YOU GOTTA GO...or

**Every profession its own way of saying
" Kicked the Bucket"**

Chefs: He's cooking for the Kennedys

Writers: He made the big deadline

Gymnasts: She really stuck her dismount

Equestrians: She jumped the last hurdle

Computer Programmers: He cached in his chips

Cowboys: He went to the last round up

Baseball Players: He got traded to the Angels

Clothing designers: Permanently out of fashion



VCGS Life Member - Celia Jones

On September 17, 2009 the Executive Board of VCGS granted Lifetime Society membership to Volusia County Librarian Celia Jones in recognition of her years of dedicated support of the Volusia area genealogy community and service in the Local History and Genealogy Room at City Island. Celia will be missed in many ways by many people, and has herself been touched by the genealogy bug, selflessly assisting everyone and anyone that has come to the Library. Celia has been transferred to the new Deltona Library. Shown: VCGS President John Woodard presenting award to Celia

Celia Jones, In her own words: *"I want to thank all you who have made my work in the Local History/Genealogy Room such a joy. Thank you for sharing your stories and your friendship. I have learned a lot from those who have volunteered to help to operate the room. I would like to thank also those who have given books for the collection and who have given their time to help others in areas that they research. It has been a wonderful experience. Please continue to assist our new Library Staff member in charge of Genealogy, Larry Gilson. I know he will appreciate your help. Please call me at the Deltona Public Library 789-7211 or email me at Seesawj@hotmail.com."*

Thank You Celia... For all you have done and the things you have yet to do. Volusia County has a treasure in your employ. We will miss you.
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Welcome Larry Gilson, our newest City Island Librarian. Larry has been assigned to Genealogy at City Island and hails from Oregon and Alaska.



Genealogy Resources: By Kitty Consalvo

- Rootsweb's World Connect Project <http://wc.rootsweb.com>
 - Social Security Death Index <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>
Request an SS-5 letter at a cost of \$27 which shows names of mother and father and where born. For a person who died after 1962 this is a good substitute for birth and death certificates. Also, you don't have to prove your relationship to the deceased or send a copy of your driver's license.
 - VitalRec.com <http://www.vitalrec.com>
Good when you know the date and place of the event
 - DeathIndexes.com <http://www.deathindexes.com>
If you need a death certificate, obituary, cemetery records. Organized by state. Death certs are free.
 - FamilySearch Labs <http://search.labs.familysearch.org>
You need to go on this site especially if you don't have Ancestry. Free
 - Family History Library Catalog http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Lib/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp
For vital records, probate records, land and property records
 - From the current issue of "Better Homes and Gardens" : artist Erin McNulty creates custom family tree prints. Go to erinjaneshop.etsy.com
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Helpful Hints: Timelines

By: Ruth Patrignani

The development of a timeline for your ancestors can be beneficial in your research. It gives you an opportunity to get an idea of events occurring in their lives and if you are tracking the correct ancestor.

I use a two-column approach. **Year/date** heads the first column and **Event** the second, allowing at least one line for each year. The first entry should be the birth of your first known ancestor on a particular family line even if it is an approximate date. The next entry could be when he appears on tax lists. Often they appear as 16 years olds as freemen. A marriage date can be added, if known, or again approximate according to the ages of children. Use a different timeline for each family line, labeling each one.

Plotting tax years offers clues to ages and residences. If you have noted ten years of paying taxes for your ancestor in the same county but then all of a sudden he is no longer on the list consider he is over 60 and no longer has to pay taxes; he has passed away; his son is now paying taxes on the same property and he is living with the son; or he has moved onward.

Note information from the various census records as these can offer clues to names of children (from 1850 up to 1930), their ages and birthdays and where they lived. The date in the first column should be the date the census was taken found at the top of the census sheet.

As you go through court records, you might find your ancestor had jury duty at various times or was the caretaker of the road alongside his property. Perhaps he was brought up on bastardy charges, got caught making moonshine etc. Jot down the dates. Even follow up on the cases. Again this will give you a better picture of your ancestor's life.

Dates for buying and selling land should be entered as well. Include the spouse's name as you might find that he had more than one wife that you didn't know about. This could also give you clues to when they moved to another part of the country.

Check war records and service records. Note on your timeline the dates of service, if and when he received a pension, or if he died did the widow continue receiving a pension etc. Date of death should be noted. If he died early, did the widow remarry?

To add another dimension, note all the important dates in history on your timeline. This will give you a clearer picture of what was happening on the national level that would influence the lives of your ancestors. Things like names of presidents, wars, epidemics, national disasters, etc might lead you to some good reading material. Church records, naturalization records and articles about your family from history books all hold clues to your families existence.

Happy hunting!

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2009 Cemetery Tours

**Sponsored by the Ormond Beach Historical Society
and The Pilgrim's Rest Trust**

If you missed last year's cemetery tour here's your chance to join in the "fun."

WHEN: Friday, October 23 and Sunday October 25, 2009, 7pm – 8pm

WHERE: Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, Nova Road and West Granada Blvd. Ormond Beach

An Ormond Beach Historical Society tour guide will introduce you to many of Ormond's first settlers. Tony Corn will be re-enacting James Ormond II, and seven Confederate soldiers buried there will "tell their tales" beside their respective tombstones. Nancy Partridge, caretaker of the cemetery, will make a short presentation on the site about the historic church that was moved to the Granada Bridge. Free parking is available adjacent to the cemetery.

Tickets are \$12 - \$10 for OBHS Members - and can be purchased at the Ormond Beach Historical Society office at 38 East Granada Blvd. Tickets the day of the event are \$12.

Phone 386-677-7005 for more information. www.ormondhistory.org.

MITOCHONDRIAL DNA (FOR MATERNAL ANCESTRY)

Although we have been mainly interested in Y-DNA testing because that is how we have been best able to investigate our Graves/Greaves surname ancestry, many of you have taken a mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) test or may do so in the future. One way to learn more about what your mtDNA test results mean and find connections with others through that line is to join a Mitochondrial Haplogroup Project. To help with that, the following commentary was written by Colin Ferguson, posted by him on the ISOGG mailing list, and presented here with his permission.

A surname project is not a suitable place to explore your maternal origins since the surname with mtDNA generally changes every generation. A better choice is a Haplogroup Project since everyone in such a project shares a common ancestor. Thus once your mtDNA results are in I suggest you join a mtDNA Haplogroup Project that corresponds to your mtDNA Haplogroup. The principal advantage to joining an mtDNA Haplogroup Project is that your results are compared to everyone in that project whereas if you are in a surname project your results are compared to those same people only if they set their preferences to "I want my matches to be set against the entire database."

To find mtDNA projects, go to your personal page at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), and click on Join Projects on the left hand side. Scroll down until you see mtDNA haplogroups. A long list of projects that you are eligible to join will come up. Click on U (or whatever your haplogroup is). There may be a number of projects for your haplogroup, so be sure to join the appropriate one. For reference sake, here is a list of all the mtDNA Haplogroup Projects: http://www.worldfamilies.net/reference_mtDNA

It was also suggested on that same list by Roberta Estes that people be encouraged to browse the various geographic projects and find one (or more than one) that might be suitable for them too. She mentioned that her Cumberland Gap project is extremely popular with folks whose families were in that area and they have had several genealogy success stories with that. There are also country projects, region projects, and more.

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